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US Urges Global Push For Gaza Cease-Fire

President Barack Obama speaks in Washington, Monday, July 21, 2014. The U.S. stepped up calls Monday for an international push to end fighting in the Gaza Strip as Obama sent his top envoy to the Mideast to help broker a new cease-fire between Israel and Hamas militants — the third since 2009.

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Rebels release train with bodies from downed jet

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Associated Press**

HRABOVE, Ukraine (AP) — Bowing to international pressure Monday, pro-Moscow separatists released a train packed with bodies and handed over the black boxes from the downed Malaysia Airlines plane, four days after it plunged into rebel-held

out but showed no sign of abandoning the separatists as fighting flared anew near the site of the crash. President Barack Obama accused the rebels of tampering with evidence and insulting victims' families, warning of new sanctions. Europeans will consider their own sanctions Tuesday. The bodies of the 298 vic-

on their way to a vacation in Bali, in an interview with The Associated Press in the Netherlands. "When I am in my bed at night, I see my son lying on the ground. ... They have to come home, not only those two. Everybody has to come home." International forensics experts finally gained access to the crash site Monday — an emotional experience

The smell of decay was overwhelming. Workers wore masks, while passersby twisted their faces in horror at the odor. Temperatures hit 84 degrees F (29 degrees C), and a train engineer told the AP that a power outage had hit the refrigeration system temporarily overnight. The rebels in Torez did not appear too conciliatory

Clinton: US, EU should get more tough on Russia

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday that the U.S. and Europe should work together to develop tougher sanctions on Russia while she backed President Barack Obama's calls for a thorough investigation into the passenger jet that was shot down last week over Ukraine.

Clinton said in a Facebook chat from the company's headquarters in Menlo Park, California, that tougher sanctions would make clear to Russian President Vladimir Putin "that there is a price to pay for this kind of behavior." The former secretary of state said she agreed with Obama's comments earlier Monday urging "immediate and full access" for investigators combing through the wreckage of the downed plane.

"We should do more to ensure a thorough investigation that not only respects those who were murdered in the attack on the plane, but also tries to find answers to who is responsible," Clinton wrote during the question-and-answer session on the popular social media site.

Obama accused pro-Russian separatists of removing evidence and bodies from the crash site and said the burden was on Russia and Putin to compel the separatists to cooperate with the investigation. He said if Russia continues to violate Ukraine's sovereignty, Moscow "will only further isolate itself" and the economic costs will increase.

Clinton said the U.S. should encourage Europeans to ensure that they are less dependent upon Russian energy. She called for "more support given to the Ukrainians to guard their borders and protect themselves."

The potential 2016 Democratic presidential candidate responded to a wide-ranging list of questions on Facebook that covered her book, "Hard Choices," domestic and foreign policy issues, her favorite book and her role as a grandmother-to-be. □



Dutch King Willem-Alexander, left, Queen Maxima, center, and Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, far right, leave a meeting in Nieuwegein, near the central city of Utrecht, Netherlands, Monday, July 21, 2014. In an unusual move that underscored the severity of the national trauma, a somber King Willem-Alexander gave a brief televised address to his country after meeting grieving relatives. "This terrible disaster has left a deep wound in our society," the king said. "The scar will be visible and tangible for years to come."
(AP Photo/Phil Nijhuis)

eastern Ukraine. With body parts decaying in sweltering heat and signs that evidence at the crash site was mishandled, anger in Western capitals has mounted at the rebels and their allies in Moscow. Their reluctant cooperation will soothe mourning families and help investigators, but may do little to reconcile the East-West powers struggling over Ukraine's future. Russia's Defense Ministry said it saw no evidence a missile was fired and denied involvement in the downing of Flight 17 — and suggested the Ukrainian military was at fault. President Vladimir Putin spoke

tims, most from the Netherlands, have become a part of the conflict in Ukraine because they could hold evidence of what brought the plane down on July 17 as it was flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur. Grief turned to anger as families begged to get the bodies of their loved ones back, while the separatists held on to the remains. "Bodies are just lying there for three days in the hot sun. There are people who have this on their conscience," said Silene Fredriksz-Hoogzand, whose son, Bryce, and his girlfriend Daisy Oehlers died

for the head of the Dutch National Forensic Investigations Team, Peter Van Vliet. Seeing the wreckage gave him goosebumps, he said. The team stumbled across remains that had not yet been removed and inspected the perished passengers' luggage. In Torez, a rebel-held town 15 kilometers (9 miles) from the crash site, inspectors bowed heads and clasped hands before climbing aboard refrigerated train cars holding the collected bodies. Armed rebels surrounded them, while commuters boarded other trains nearby.

as the tense day wore on. They repeatedly tried to block reporters from access to the visiting experts, growing more aggressive throughout.

Late Monday, trucks arrived at the Torez station with plastic bags apparently filled with body parts, as well as piles of luggage — suitcases, backpacks, a purse with a Louis Vuitton label.

Ukrainian authorities said the total number of bodies recovered was 282.

Dutch investigators demanded the separatists transfer the bodies immediately, and the rebels complied after several hours. □

US Army pulls intel system from key test

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AP Intelligence Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Army officials have withdrawn their intelligence network from a major testing exercise this fall because of software glitches, in the latest setback for the troubled system.

The decision, laid out in a July 15 memorandum obtained by The Associated Press, stands in contrast to the Army's upbeat public statements about the Distributed Common Ground System. DCGS-A (pronounced Dee-Sigs-Ay) is a network of software, sensors and databases that is intended to allow troops to process and integrate intelligence from a variety of sources, from electronic intercepts to overhead imagery to spy reports, but has been prone to crashes. A series of independent government reports in recent years have pointed to flaws in the system, which so far has cost taxpayers about \$5 billion, records show. The Army says it is working to fix the problems in a new version to be completed next year. An Army spokesman did not have an immediate comment on the memo.

The general who signed the memo, Army vice chief of staff John Campbell, told Congress last year that DCGS-A "has saved lives" and had been significantly improved after independent reports found fault with it. In a recent interview with the AP, senior Army officials also defended the system, but would not allow their names to be used. In the memo he signed, Campbell agreed with a proposal by the army's testing command to withdraw DCGS-A from an army field testing exercise in October and November in Texas and New Mexico because of "continued significant software incident reports," and "overall network operational readiness issues." Troops who used DCGS-A in training earlier this year reported that it was prone to crashing, records show. □

US urges global push for Gaza cease-fire

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CAIRO (AP) — With high hopes but low expectations, the U.S. stepped up calls Monday for an international push to end fighting in the Gaza Strip as President Barack Obama sent his top envoy to the Mideast to help broker a new cease-fire between Israel and Hamas militants — the third since 2009.

a cease-fire that ends the fighting and can stop the deaths of innocent civilians, both in Gaza and in Israel." As Obama spoke, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry flew to Cairo to join diplomatic efforts to resume a truce that last had been agreed to in November 2012. He will urge the militant Palestinian group to accept a cease-fire agreement offered by Egypt that would halt

Ban, speaking to reporters before the meeting with Kerry, said he was disappointed that nine months of U.S.-led talks between Israel and the Palestinians hadn't yielded better results. Those negotiations broke off last April after it was clear that neither side would make major concessions needed to clinch a peace plan. "Violence must stop and must stop now," Ban told

escalates the situation on the ground is a movement in a positive direction. So that would certainly be a fallback if we were unable to get the cease-fire that we're aiming for." State Department officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the issue publicly by name. Kerry is expected to meet with top officials, including President Abdel Fattah al-



Secretary of State John Kerry meets with U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon in Cairo, Egypt, Monday, July 21, 2014. Kerry has returned to the Middle East as the Obama administration attempts to bolster regional efforts to reach a cease fire and sharpens its criticism of Hamas in its conflict with Israel.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak, Pool)

Voicing fresh concern about civilian casualties, Obama reaffirmed his belief that Israel has the right to defend itself against a barrage of more than 1,500 rockets being launched by Hamas.

Yet he said Israel's military assault of Gaza had already done "significant damage" to Hamas' network of tunnels, safe havens and other infrastructure, and said he doesn't want to see more civilians getting killed. "We have serious concerns about the rising number of Palestinian civilian deaths and the loss of Israeli lives," Obama said in Washington. "And that is why it now has to be our focus and the focus of the international community to bring about

two weeks of fighting that has descended into war and killed at least 500 Palestinians and more than two-dozen Israelis.

Kerry headed almost immediately into a meeting with U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, where he announced the U.S. will send \$47 million in humanitarian aid for tens of thousands of Palestinians who have fled their homes in Gaza to escape the violence. Kerry's top aides warned, however, that achieving an immediate and lasting cease-fire would be difficult and he hoped to make any progress over the next several days to secure even a temporary pause in the bloodshed.

reporters. He added, "We can't claim victory simply by returning matters to where they stood before, which led to terrible bloodshed."

It's not clear exactly what Israel and Hamas would each demand in return for agreeing to a truce now, but senior State Department officials said the issue of opening border crossings — potentially into Israel and Egypt — was under discussion.

"Our goal is a cease-fire, and given enough time, that ought to be achievable," said one senior State Department official who briefed reporters traveling with Kerry. "But if it wasn't, then obviously anything that de-

Sisi, Foreign Minister Sameh Shukri and Arab League President Nabil Elaraby over the next few days. But there were no immediate plans for face-to-face meetings with officials from Qatar, Turkey, Israel and Ramallah, and the State Department aides said it remained uncertain what could be accomplished in the talks.

A truce between Israel and Hamas has been beset by violence three times since 2009, and was last brokered in November 2012 by Kerry's predecessor, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

On Monday, the senior State Department officials said they believed it would be more difficult now to reach a new agreement. □

Afghan vet who fought wounded gets Medal of Honor

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Bleeding from both legs and his arm, Ryan Pitts kept firing at about 200 Taliban fighters, even holding onto his grenades an extra moment to ensure the enemy couldn't heave them back. On Monday, President Barack Obama draped the Medal of Honor around his neck, in a White House ceremony that also paid tribute to his nine platoon comrades who died that summer day in Afghanistan.

Pitts, a 28-year-old former U.S. Army staff sergeant is the ninth living veteran of America's wars in Afghanistan and Iraq to receive the nation's highest decoration for battlefield valor. In a somber White House ceremony, Obama praised Pitts for holding the line as his comrades fell in one of the bloodiest battles of the Afghan war.

"It is remarkable that we have young men and women serving in our military who, day in and day out, perform with so much integrity, so much humil-

ity and so much courage," the president said. "Ryan represents the very best of that tradition."

Pitts' mission that day in June 2008 was supposed

to be his last before returning home from his second tour of Afghanistan. After all, Pitts and his team had been in the country for 14 months, the Army said, bat-

ting frequently with enemy forces in northeastern Afghanistan's mountainous Waygal Valley.

The goal was to move troops and equipment out of Combat Outpost Bella, a remote post roughly 10 miles from the nearest base, to a new site nearby. Accessible only by helicopter for supplies and reinforcements, Outpost Bella was slated to be closed.

At 4 a.m., Pitts was manning his observation post. On the horizon, could see the blue-roofed buildings and protective stone walls of the town of Wanat: A one-story mosque, a hotel and cafe, some homes and a local bazaar.

What Pitts couldn't know was that all of those buildings were concealing enemy fighters. Some 200 of them soon launched a full-scale assault on the outpost, their machine-gun fire puncturing the early morning silence. □



President Barack Obama bestows the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest decoration for battlefield valor, to Ryan M. Pitts, 28, of Nashua, NH, a former Army staff sergeant who fought off enemy fighters during one of the bloodiest battles of the Afghanistan war despite his own critical injuries, in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Monday, July 21, 2014.

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Gay, transgender workers gain US bias protection

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Monday ordered employ-

ment protection for gay and transgender employees who work for the U.S. government or for companies holding federal con-

tracts, telling advocates he embraced the "irrefutable rightness of your cause." "America's federal con-

tracts should not subsidize discrimination against the American people," Obama declared at a White House signing ceremony.

Obama said it was unacceptable that being gay is still a firing offense in many places in the United States, and he called on Congress to extend the ban to all employers. But legislation that would extend the ban has become embroiled in a dispute over whether religious groups should get exemptions.

The president had long resisted pressure to pursue an executive anti-discrimination order covering federal contractors in the hope that Congress would take more sweeping action. The Senate passed legislation last year with some Republican support, but it has not been considered by the Republican-controlled House. Now, said Obama, "It's time to address this in-

justice for every American." Mia Macy watched Obama's announcement in tears as an invited guest in the East Room. The military veteran and former Phoenix police detective applied to be a ballistics expert with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms as a male but was rejected after she changed her name and began identifying as a woman. She filed a successful complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and settled a discrimination lawsuit against the government last year. "Having a president acknowledge us for the first time in history as citizens instead of second-class citizens is just monumental," Macy said in a telephone interview. She said Obama personally thanked her for her pioneering role in a private meeting before the ceremony. □



Surrounded by LGBT supporters, including Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe, third from right, President Barack Obama signs executive orders to protect LGBT employees from federal workplace discrimination in the East Room of the White House Monday, July 21, 2014, in Washington. Obama's executive orders signed Monday prohibit discrimination against gay and transgender workers in the federal government and its contracting agencies, without a new exemption that was requested by some religious organizations.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

Challenge to US execution delay denied

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PHOENIX (AP) — A case challenging Arizona's refusal to reveal detailed information about the lethal combination it will use to put an inmate to death is now headed to a powerful court.

A U.S. Court of Appeals on Monday denied Arizona's request for a re-hearing after a three-member panel of judges put on hold the execution of Joseph Rudolph Wood until the state reveals information such as the makers of the drugs and how the state developed its method for legal injections.

The legal dispute comes at a time when concerns over the death penalty are

mounting after a botched April 29 execution of an Oklahoma inmate and an incident in January in which an Ohio inmate snorted and gasped during the 26 minutes it took him to die.

Wood's attorneys argue that he has a constitutional right to detailed information and that such information has been historically available and beneficial to the public. Attorneys for the state argue that Wood does not have a right to the details. Stephanie Grisham, spokeswoman for the attorney general's office, says the state will file an application with the U.S. Supreme Court asking it to dismiss the stay on the execution. The Supreme Court is a powerful nine-member

court that has the power to void laws passed by Congress if it deems them contrary to the constitution.

The three-judge panel on Saturday overturned a lower court's decision that favored the state, and found Wood is not entitled to the information, in turn postponing the execution.

Judge Jay Bybee, a member of the panel, dissented. Arizona attorneys then sought a re-hearing with a larger panel, arguing that the smaller panel's decision conflicts with other Supreme Court rulings that found that constitutional free-speech guarantees do not mandate a right of access to government information or sources of information. □

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Friend convicted of impeding Boston Marathon probe

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AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON (AP) — A college friend was convicted Monday of trying to protect Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev by agreeing with another friend to get rid of a backpack and disabled fireworks they took from his dorm room three days after the attack.

Azamat Tazhayakov, a baby-faced 20-year-old, put his hands over his face and shook his head as guilty verdicts were read on federal charges of obstruction of justice and conspiracy in the first trial stemming from the twin bombings, which killed three and injured more than 260 near the marathon's finish line in April 2013. His mother sobbed loudly and rocked in her seat.

The jury found that Tazhayakov conspired with friend Dias Kadyrbayev to take from Tsarnaev's room a backpack containing fireworks that had been emptied of their explosive powder. Prosecutors said the explosive powder could have been used to make

bombs.

Prosecutors and defense lawyers both told the jury it was Kadyrbayev who actu-

Juror Daniel Antonino, 49, said the panel heavily debated the charges but in the end believed Tazhaya-

a five-year maximum for conspiracy at sentencing, which was scheduled for Oct. 16.

and the two also became friendly with Tsarnaev who, like them, spoke Russian. Tsarnaev, who lived in Kyrgyzstan and Russia, had come to the U.S. as a child with his family. He turns 21 on Tuesday.

The three men often hung out together, in Tsarnaev's dorm room or at the off-campus apartment Tazhayakov and Kadyrbayev shared.

Friends testified that the three men enjoyed playing video games and smoking marijuana.

During the trial, prosecutors showed jurors video of Tazhayakov at the university gym with Tsarnaev the day after the bombings. Both appeared relaxed. Tazhayakov's lawyers said the footage showed their client had no idea Tsarnaev was involved in the bombings until days later, when the FBI released photos of him and his brother, Tamerlan, as suspects.

Tazhayakov's lawyers argued that it was Kadyrbayev who removed the items from Tsarnaev's dorm room and then threw them away. Kadyrbayev faces a separate trial in September. A third friend, Robel Philipos, is charged with lying to investigators and is also scheduled for trial in September. □



Amir Ismagulov, of Kazakhstan, center, is surrounded by members of the media as he departs federal court Monday, July 21, 2014, in Boston, where his son Azamat Tazhayakov was convicted of impeding the investigation into the Boston Marathon bombing. Tazhayakov's trial was the first stemming from the 2013 bombings, which killed three and injured more than 260 near the marathon's finish line.

(AP Photo/Steven Senne)

ally threw the items away, but prosecutors said Tazhayakov agreed with the plan and was an active participant.

kov had impeded the investigation.

"They took materials from that room that they never should have touched, and that's what he is going to pay the price for," Antonino said.

Tazhayakov faces a maximum 20-year prison sentence for obstruction and

The verdicts came less than three years after he arrived in the U.S. from his native Kazakhstan, hoping to get an engineering degree at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth. Prosecutors said Tazhayakov quickly became friends with Kadyrbayev, who was also from Kazakhstan,

Suspect in Irish soldiers' deaths held in US

DEARBORN, Michigan (AP)

— Federal agents have arrested a man who the Irish government says is a suspect in the abduction, torture and killing of two Irish soldiers serving as United Nations peacekeepers in Lebanon 34 years ago.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested Mahmoud Bazzi on Tuesday at his home in the Detroit suburb of Dearborn. The agency arrested Bazzi for "administrative immigration violations" not directly in connection with the killings in Lebanon, spokeswoman Gillian Christensen told The Associated Press last week.

She said he would be held "pending removal proceedings." Bazzi's next

court date is July 31.

Irish Defense Minister Simon Coveney welcomed Bazzi's arrest and said Ireland has continually pursued the case with Lebanese and U.S. authorities over the years.

"I hope this is the start of a process to bring to justice the alleged perpetrator of what was a heinous crime, the torture and murder of two innocent Irish peacekeepers," Coveney said in a statement.

Bazzi has denied killing Derek Smallhorne and Thomas Barrett in 1980, telling the Detroit Free Press he once falsely confessed to the slayings because he feared a Lebanese militia would kill him unless he lied.

"I am innocent," he said.

"I had nothing to do with that."

While not specifically citing the accusations against Bazzi in his native Lebanon, Christensen said the Department of Homeland Security "is committed to rooting out alleged human rights violators who seek a safe haven in the United States."

"ICE's Human Rights Violators and War Crimes Center investigates human rights violators who try to evade justice by seeking shelter in the United States, including those who have participated in war crimes and acts of genocide, torture, the use of child soldiers and extrajudicial killings," she said in an email. □



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US Financial Front:

American companies report rising sales, employment in 2Q



Job seeker U.S. Air Force veteran Jimmie Walker, left, listens to job recruiter Desiree Akel, at a Hiring Fair For Veterans in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Rising sales helped boost hiring and wages at U.S. businesses in the second quarter, and companies are optimistic that the trends will continue this fall, according to a new survey by the National Association for Business Economics.

(AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

DETROIT (AP) — Rising sales helped boost hiring and wages at U.S. businesses in the second quarter, and companies are optimistic that the trends will continue this fall, according to a new survey by the National Association for Business Economics.

Fifty-seven percent of the 85 respondents to the quarterly survey said sales at their companies rose in the April-June period. That was up from 53 percent in

the first quarter and 35 percent in the same period a year ago. Just 5 percent of firms said sales fell during the second quarter.

Respondents also said the outlook for the July-October period is strong. Fifty-nine percent of respondents said they expect sales to increase during the third quarter, and just 1 percent expects sales to decline. Respondents from the finance, insurance and real estate sector were

most optimistic about sales increases, while the service sector lagged.

As sales picked up, so did hiring. Thirty-six percent of firms said they hired more workers during the second quarter, up from 28 percent in the first quarter and 29 percent in the second quarter of 2013.

The employment outlook was steady, with 37 percent of respondents expecting their companies to hire more workers in the July-

October period. Finance, insurance and real estate companies were most likely to say they expect employment increases, at 48 percent; service companies were the least likely, at 28 percent. Less than 10 percent of respondents expect employment declines in the third quarter.

For the first time since October 2012, no respondents reported falling wages. Forty-three percent said their firms raised wages during the second quarter, which was than double the share that reported raising wages during the same time period a year ago. More than one-third of respondents — 35 percent — expected wages to continue to in-

crease in the third quarter. Hiring and wage increases hit companies' profits. Just 27 percent of respondents said their firms' profit margins rose in the second quarter, down from 32 percent in the first quarter. Despite the slowdown, manufacturers and financial companies both said they expect margins to grow at a faster pace in the third quarter. Some companies improved their margins by raising prices. Twenty-five percent of respondents said their businesses raised prices in the second quarter, up from 20 percent in the two previous quarters. Eight percent said prices fell, up from 3 percent in the first quarter. □

US airlines add jobs for 6th straight month

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. airlines have been adding jobs for six straight months, though the gains aren't big ones.

The U.S. Department of Transportation said Monday that the nation's passenger airlines had the equivalent of 385,619 full-time workers in May, up 1.1 percent from May 2013.

That's the highest level since September 2012.

Delta, American, US Airways and JetBlue added jobs while United shrunk 2.5 percent and Southwest slipped by 0.3 percent.

Some smaller low-fare airlines are growing faster than bigger airlines in percentage terms. Spirit Airlines and Allegiant Air in-

creased jobs by nearly 13 percent.

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Thirst for American craft beer grows overseas



In this undated photo provided by Green Flash Brewing Co., Alexis Briol, of Brasserie St-Feuillien in Belgium, left, and Green Flash brewmaster Chuck Silva, pour hop pellets into a batch of beer. San Diego-based Green Flash is making and selling fresh beer in the European market under a handshake deal with Brasserie St-Feuillien. Some of the nation's largest craft breweries are setting up shop in European countries famous for defining age-old beer styles to help quench a growing thirst for American craft beer overseas.

(AP Photo/Green Flash Brewing Co.)

MICHAEL FELBERBAUM

AP Business Writer

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) —

Helping to quench a growing thirst for American craft beer overseas, some of the United States' largest craft breweries are setting up shop in Europe, challenging the very beers that inspired them on their home turfs. It's the latest phenomenon in the flourishing craft beer industry, which got its start emulating the European brews that defined many of the beer styles we drink today. The move also marks a continuing departure from the status quo of mass market lagers or stouts, demonstrating a willingness of American breweries to explore — and innovate — old world beer styles from Belgium, Germany and the United Kingdom.

The U.S. craft beer scene is so fresh and dynamic, Europeans are becoming as excited about it as Ameri-

cans, says Mike Hinkley, co-founder of San Diego-based Green Flash Brewing Co. "Even though they're used to all these amazing European beers, now there's just more variety."

U.S. craft beer exports grew six-fold during the past five years, jumping from about 46,000 barrels in 2009 to more than 282,500 barrels in 2013, worth an estimated \$73 million, according to the Brewers Association, the Colorado-based trade group for the majority of the 3,000 brewing companies in the United States. Of course, it's still a fraction of overall production; U.S. craft brewers produced a total of 15.6 million barrels last year.

Just last week, Green Flash became the first U.S. craft brewery to begin making and selling fresh beer in the European market under a deal with Brasserie St-Feuillien, a Belgian brew-

ery founded in 1873. Under the watchful eye of Green Flash brewmaster Chuck Silva, the brewery is making and selling fresh West Coast IPA for distribution in the U.K., Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Italy. Meanwhile, 500 miles away in Berlin, Stone Brewing Co. is taking a different approach to meeting overseas demand — spending about \$25 million to renovate a historic gas works building into a brewery, packaging and distribution center, restaurant and garden set to open late next year or early 2016.

"The idea that we're going to go across the pond as it were to brew our style of beers fresh in Europe is an exciting prospect for us," said Stone CEO and co-founder Greg Koch, who announced the overseas expansion plans over the weekend. "When we start-

ed out at Stone 18 years ago, we were inspired by a lot of the European brewers ... and now to see an inspiration bounce back around the world, that's amazing."

Brooklyn Brewery's brewmaster Garrett Oliver agreed, saying what used to be a one-way street in the beer world is coming full-circle: "The creative spirit and ideas that have been developing in the U.S. are flowing back in that direction. Now it's a two-way street and we all have something to offer."

In the spring, New York's Brooklyn Brewery and Carlsberg Sweden opened a craft brewery and restaurant making new beers that are being distributed throughout Scandinavia. The staff of Nya Carnegie in Stockholm was hired by Brooklyn Brewery and trained by its brewmaster.



Stone Brewing Co. CEO and Co-founder Greg Koch, center, toasts the crowd after announcing the Escondido, Calif., brewery's plan to build a brewery and bistro in Berlin. Stone Brewing Co. is spending about \$25 million to renovate a historic gas works building into a brewery, packaging and distribution center, restaurant and garden set to open late next year. Stone Brewing Co., one of the top 10 biggest craft breweries in the U.S., will make beer for its bistro and distribution throughout Germany and Europe.

(AP Photo/Stone Brewing Co.)

China: Meat supplier of KFC, McDonald's axed over safety

NEIL GOUGH

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The Chinese outlets of McDonald's and KFC have stopped using meat from a Shanghai company after a local television news program accused the supplier of using chicken and beef past their expiration date, triggering an investigation by local food safety officials.

The program, aired on Shanghai-based Dragon TV on Sunday evening, showed hidden camera footage of workers at a meat-processing facility operated by Shanghai Husi Food using out-of-date chicken and beef to make burger patties and chicken products for McDonald's and KFC, in some cases scooping up meat that had fallen onto the assembly line floor and throwing it back into a processing machine.

In response, the Chinese units of McDonald's and KFC both said in news releases posted from their official Sina Weibo social messaging accounts that they had halted use of all products from Shanghai Husi, which is owned by OSI Group, based in Aurora, Illinois.

The Shanghai Food and Drug Administration said in a Sina Weibo post late Sunday that it had suspended production at Shanghai Husi and had begun a joint investigation with the local police into accusations that the processing plant was using out-of-date meat in its products.

Food safety has been a hot-button issue among Chinese people in recent years, and nationwide scandals have broken out after revelations about the contamination of products like infant formula and cooking oil.

Multinational fast-food giants like KFC, which is owned by Yum Brands, and McDonald's are generally perceived as having better quality-control standards.



Gaza death toll rises as truce effort intensifies



Family follow as Israeli soldiers lower the coffin of Oz Mendelovich, one of 13 soldiers killed in several separate incidents in Shijaiyah on Sunday, at the military cemetery in Misgav, Israel, Monday, July 21, 2014.

(AP Photo/Ariel Schalit)

KARIN LAUB
YOUSUR ALHLOU
Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)

— A high-level attempt by the U.N. chief and the U.S. secretary of state to end deadly Israel-Hamas fighting was off to a rough start Monday: Gaza's Hamas rulers signaled they won't agree to an unconditional cease-fire, Israel's prime minister said he'll do whatever is necessary to keep Israelis safe from Hamas attacks and the overall Palestinian death toll surpassed 560. Across Gaza, Israeli fighter planes hit homes

and a high-rise tower, burying families in the rubble. The strike on the Gaza City tower brought down most of the building, killing 11 people — including six members of the same family — and wounding 40, said Palestinian health official Ashraf al-Kidra.

Israeli tanks, meanwhile, shelled a hospital in central Gaza, killing four people and wounding dozens as the daily death toll surpassed 100 for a second day. Israel said the shelling targeted rockets hidden near the compound, and accused militants of using

civilians as shields.

At least 565 Palestinians have been killed and more than 3,600 wounded in the past two weeks, al-Kidra said.

On the Israeli side, seven more soldiers were killed in clashes with Gaza fighters Monday, bringing the military death toll to 25 — more than twice as many as in Israel's last Gaza ground war in 2009.

Two civilians have also died in Palestinian rocket attacks on Israeli cities and scores of soldiers have been injured.

The mounting bloodshed

brought U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry to Cairo on Monday, for a new cease-fire push. However, the gaps remain wide and no credible mediator has emerged.

Egypt, Israel and the U.S. back an unconditional cease-fire, to be followed by talks on a possible new border arrangement for Gaza. Israel and Egypt have severely restricted movement in and out of Gaza since Hamas seized the territory in 2007.

Hamas, with some support from Qatar and Turkey, wants guarantees on lifting the blockade before halting fire. The Islamic militant group has no faith in mediation by Egypt's rulers, who deposed a Hamas-friendly government in Cairo a year ago and tightened restrictions on Gaza — to the point of driving Hamas into its worst financial crisis since its founding in 1987.

The top Hamas leader in Gaza, Ismail Haniyeh, said Monday that Gaza's 1.7 million people share Hamas' goal of forcing Israel and Egypt to lift the blockade.

"We cannot go back, we cannot go back to the silent death" of the blockade, he said. "Gaza has decided to end the blockade by its blood and by its courage."

After a meeting with Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shukri, Ban said that "violence must stop by all sides," and that they must enter negotiations, seemingly siding with Cairo's approach.

However, Ban also said: "We can't claim victory simply by returning matters to where they stood before they led to terrible bloodshed."

The border blockade has set Gaza back years, wiping out tens of thousands of jobs through bans on most exports and on imports of vital construction materials Israel says could be diverted by Hamas for military use.

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Palestinians bury five members of the el-Halaq immediate and extended family, killed Sunday by an Israeli strike at their house in Gaza City, during their funeral, Monday, July 21, 2014.

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Chantel, left, and Elwin Morris, right pose with a photo of their son, Taegrin, at their home in Boksburg, east of Johannesburg. South African media say the boy was with his sister and parents during a carjacking Saturday night. His mother told The Star newspaper that her son's foot got stuck as she tried to pull him from the car, but the carjackers sped off. The boy was later found dead in the abandoned vehicle. (AP Photo/The Star, Timothy Bernard)

4-year-old boy dies in SAfrica carjacking

CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG (AP) —

South African police on Monday searched for assailants who forced a family from their car and drove off with a 4-year-old boy hanging out of the vehicle. The boy was later found dead in the abandoned vehicle.

The boy was with his sister and parents in Boksburg, east of Johannesburg, during the carjacking Saturday night, according to South African media. His mother told The Star newspaper that she tried in vain to pull her son from the car. The boy's head and body may have hit the road as the car sped away, causing fatal injuries.

"I asked them to let me pull my child out because his foot was stuck, but they just sped off and ripped him

out of my hands," The Star quoted the boy's mother, Chantel Morris, as saying. The newspaper said Morris ran after the car, screaming and pleading, and other people also ran after the vehicle, shouting "The child! The child!"

Two or three assailants were involved, according to reports. Authorities offered a reward of nearly \$5,000 for information leading to arrests in the case, which has shocked South Africans accustomed to a high crime rate.

A South African parliamentary committee that handles police affairs said such an incident undermines South Africa's gains in curbing serious crime. There had been progress in the past five years, noting an overall reduction in crimes including murder and at-

tacks on vulnerable groups including women, children and the disabled, it said. In a separate case, authorities said Monday that a 6-year-old boy who was reported missing after he and his father were car-

jacked a week ago had been found at a shelter in Johannesburg. The boy had been wandering in the streets, police said. A group of robbers drove off with the child in the car on July 15 after severely beating his father, tying his hands and feet and leaving him, according to reports. The attack occurred in Bronkhorstspuit district, east of Pretoria, the South African capital.

The case drew national attention. Over the week-end, President Jacob Zuma appealed to the public to help find the missing boy. □

Libya:

Clashes between militias kill 47

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Clashes

between rival Libyan militias fighting for control of the capital's international airport killed 47 people over the last week, Libya's Health Ministry said, as violence in an eastern city killed five. The week-long battle in Tripoli began when Islamist-led militias — mostly from the western city of Misrata — launched a surprise assault on the airport, under control of rival militias from the western mountain town of Zintan. The clashes resumed Sunday after cease-fire efforts failed. On Monday, the burned-out shell of an Airbus A330 sat on the tarmac, a \$113 million passenger jet for Libya's state-owned Afriqiyah Airways destroyed in the fighting. "This was the pride of the Libyan fleet," Abdelkader Mohammed Ahmed, Libya's transportation minister, told journalists at the airport. "This airplane used to fly to South Africa,

Bangladesh and China."

Inside the airport, closed since last Monday, the fighting left holes in the ceiling and scattered bits of its roof strewn across the floor. The ministry said on its website late Sunday that the fighting killed 47 people and wounded 120. It also said it had not yet received the full casualty report. Libya is witnessing one of its worst spasms of violence since the ouster of longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi in 2011. All the militias fighting around the airport are on the government's payroll since successive transitional authorities have depended on them to restore order.

The rival militias, made up largely of former rebels, have forced a weeklong closure of gas stations and government offices.

In recent days, armed men have attacked vehicles carrying money from the Central Bank to local banks, forcing their closure. □

China:

Man slashes 3 children, killing 1

BEIJING (AP) — A man

with a kitchen knife killed a 1-year-old boy and injured two other children Monday in the southern Chinese city of Zhongshan near Hong Kong, police said.

The 23-year-old man attacked the children in a rented room in Zhongshan, a police statement said. A 10-year-old girl and a 6-year-old boy were injured.

The attacker, identified by only his surname Chen, was captured by police, the statement said. It gave

no motive or other details. China has suffered a series of knife attacks, often on children. Some suspects are mentally ill but other attacks are blamed on disputes over land, business deals and other issues.

In May, a man who police said had a dispute with his neighbors fatally stabbed seven people in a village in the central province of Henan. In April, eight men slashed at students on a street in the northwestern city of Ankang, killing one and injuring two others. □

Overnight attacks in Iraq kill at least 16 people

SINAN SALAHEDDIN

Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Attacks overnight in two Iraqi cities killed at least 16 people, officials said Monday as authorities struggle to stop the Sunni militants' offensive that has left huge areas in northern and western Iraq outside of government control.

In one of the attacks, mortar rounds rained down on Shiite neighborhoods in the town of Mahmoudiya on Sunday night, killing 11 civilians and wounding 31, a police official said. The mixed Shiite-Sunni town is about 30 kilometers (20 miles) south of Baghdad. And in Baghdad's western suburb of Abu Ghraib, a roadside bomb struck an army patrol, killing two



Iraqi men line up outside of the main army recruiting center to volunteer for military service in Baghdad, Monday, July 21, 2014, after authorities urged Iraqis to help battle insurgents.

(AP Photo/Karim Kadim)

ern Anbar province.

In June, the Islamic State launched a massive blitz offensive that brought large swaths of northern and western Iraq under their control.

So far, Iraq's security forces have struggled to retake any of the ground they surrendered to the militants over the past five weeks.

On Friday, the U.S. mission in Iraq said at least 5,576 civilians were killed and another 11,665 wounded in the first six months of this year. Another 1.2 million people have been uprooted from their homes by the violence.

The civilian deaths so far this year mark a sharp increase over the previous year, when just over 7,800 civilians killed, according to U.N.

Afghan official says suicide bombing kills two in south

AMIR SHAH

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide bomber targeted a police convoy in Afghanistan's southern Helmand province on Monday, killing two people, a policeman and a civilian, a local official said. The attack took place in the Helmand provincial capital of Lashkar Gah, said Omar Zwak, the spokesman for the provincial governor. He said the explosion also wounded 15 people — eight policemen and seven civilians. The police convoy was en route to the district of Sangin for an operation there, he added.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack, but the Taliban frequently use roadside bombs and suicide attacks against Afghan and NATO forces and government offices in the country.

Helmand is one of the most dangerous and insecure of the country's provinces. Last month, hundreds of Taliban insurgents attacked several Afghan security checkpoints in Sangin district. After a week of intensive battles, more than 100 people were killed and dozens were dis-

placed from their homes. The government subsequently deployed nearly 2,000 reinforcements there. Insurgents also targeted Afghan security forces in overnight attacks.

In northern Afghanistan, Taliban fighters ambushed a local police checkpoint in the Qaysar district of Faryab province, an official said.

At least eight local policemen and 27 Taliban fighters were killed in the firefight that ensued, according to the provincial governor, Mohamadulla Batash.

In southern Uruzgan province, four Afghan policemen were shot to death at a checkpoint in Shahid Asass district, said Dost Mohammad Nayuib, spokesman for the Uruzgan governor.

The attackers were two other policemen from the same unit who fled the scene, said Nayuib. Another policeman was wounded in the attack, he added. It was not immediately clear what motivated the attack, which could be the latest incident of insider attacks in which Afghan security turn on their colleagues or NATO partners.

soldiers and three volunteers who took up arms following the Sunni militant push across Iraq in recent weeks. Eighth people were wounded in that attack, said the police official.

Two medical officials confirmed the casualty figures. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they

were not authorized to talk to media.

In early January, al-Qaida breakaway extremist group known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, seized control of the city of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, as well as parts of the nearby city of Ramadi, the provincial capital of west-



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Puerto Rico on shaky ground with creditors

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Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— Puerto Rico's government has managed its first balanced budget in more than a decade. Sales tax revenues are up and the publicly owned power company has won breathing room to pay its debts. The U.S. territory has managed to buy some time to stave off an economic crisis, but it may only be for a moment. As the island tries to pay off some \$73 billion in public debt, investors crucial to keeping Puerto Rican bonds afloat are wary at best.

"Most people are very much in a watch-and-wait mode," said David Tawil, co-founder and portfolio manager of New York-based Maglan Capital. Puerto Rico has a shrinking population and economy. A nearly eight-year recession has sent businesses and people fleeing to the mainland U.S. and spooked those holding billions of dollars of the island's debt. That has sharply raised the cost of government borrowing and lowered the value of the bonds it has issued.

One looming threat is the condition of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, which is roughly \$9 billion in debt. After raising fears it would use a new debt-restructuring law to default on a credit payment due July 1, it announced it had won a reprieve: Creditors agreed

to postpone payments on about \$800 million until July 31.

Officials also announced that revenues from the government's sales and use tax for this past fiscal year rose 7 percent, though that was short of projections.

Those glimmers of good news followed an uproar on Wall Street over a law signed June 28 that allows

way to protect the island's general fund, which long has been used to support the island's public corporations, which account for about 40 percent of Puerto Rico's public debt. If a public corporation defaulted on its debt without the law, bondholders could move to increase rates, which would affect public services, he said.

Treasury Secretary Melba

Rican bonds with a flurry of downgrades. Franklin Templeton and Oppenheimer investment funds filed a lawsuit the same day the law was signed, arguing it was unconstitutional, and financial companies began to hold conference calls with jittery investors. While Garcia repeatedly reminded bondholders of his efforts to stabilize the economy and generate



This photo, shows an aerial view of people enjoying the pool and beach area of the Caribe Hilton Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The territory's government has managed to buy some time to stave off an economic crisis as the island tries to pay off billions in public debt.

(AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

certain public corporations to work with creditors and restructure their debt. If no agreement is reached within nine months, the case would go to court. That makes investors nervous about a potential loss of money, depending on the court's ruling.

Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla touted the law as a

Acosta said in a statement that the restructuring law aims to make those corporations self-sufficient.

"We stand behind the act and will defend it as a reasonable and necessary measure to protect the interests of all stakeholders of our public corporations," she said. But ratings agencies punished Puerto

revenue, "all that stuff is secondary at this point," Tawil said. "This law — its potential power, its unknown use and its unknown legality — I think, carries a much heavier cloud over Puerto Rico's solvency and the potential recovery to creditors than any of the fundamental progress that is being made." □

China, Venezuela deepen economic ties during visit

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — China has signed more than a dozen new cooperative agreements with Venezuela, its chief economic partner in Latin America.

Chinese President Xi Jinping and Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro announced the new initiatives during a joint press conference Monday in Caracas.

Venezuela's socialist government has received roughly \$50 billion from China in recent years, paying for the loans with



China's President Xi Jinping, right, shakes hands of Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro, left, prior their meeting at Miraflores Presidential palace in Caracas, Venezuela. (AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

petroleum exports.

The new agreements strengthen economic ties between Venezuela and its main creditor through joint initiatives in industries including energy, mining and transportation.

Xi has been touring Latin America for more than a week, and has also visited Brazil and Argentina. Last week, the central banks of Venezuela and China signed a cooperation agreement aimed at sharing knowledge and economic strategies. □

Officials charge Jamaica drought now intensifying

DAVID McFADDEN
Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

A severe drought is intensifying in Jamaica with water supply systems already well below normal, the Caribbean country's environment minister said this week.

In a national address, Robert Pickersgill told Jamaicans the government is trucking water to hard-hit farming districts where parched conditions have withered crops. Many Jamaican small farms lack irrigation systems and depend entirely on rainwater. Rainfall has been scarce for months and inflows into reservoirs are significantly reduced. Some water supply systems have "dried up entirely," Pickersgill said.

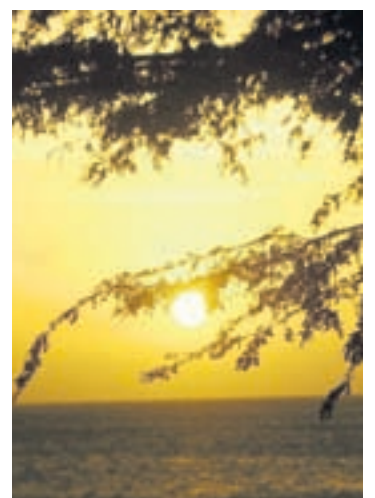
Reservoirs are dwindling so badly in areas serving the island's capital of Kingston that temporary shutoffs of the public water supply happen daily. "This is a challenge and it is one that is made worse by higher temperatures and windy conditions that provide the perfect combination for bush fires, which, given the present water shortage, will be difficult to control and extinguish," Pickersgill said. Two weeks ago, the government announced that wasting water was illegal. There has been a prohibition notice on activities like filling up swimming pools and watering lawns. Water wasters can be fined or even serve a 30-day jail sentence.

Authorities are increasing work crews to respond to leaks in water mains amid the worrying shortages. Two phone hotlines will be set up so people can report leaks. Pickersgill said a policy is being developed to increase rainwater harvesting. "I firmly believe this is the route we must take in the face of climate change impacts which will intensify drought conditions," he said.

The minister noted that weather projections do not forecast increased rainfall even for the island's next rainy season starting in October, so the "already serious water supply situation we are experiencing will most likely worsen." □



Aruban Flowers Cast to Sea in Tribute of Flight #17 Victims



EAGLE BEACH - Both locals and tourists came out in numbers and various times during the sunset Sunday evening to throw locally grown flowers into the ocean as a tribute to the

victims and families of Malaysian Flight #17 that was apparently shot down by missiles. Nearly 200 of the victims were Dutch nationals and some personally known to locals here on

Aruba and our sister island Curacao, who is mourning the loss of one of their own who died in the crash. People all around the world are shocked by this tragedy that touches the hearts

and souls of most everyone no matter where they are from and that is why many made a silent prayer at sunset while gently tossing flowers from the shores of Aruba Sunday.

Pictured is a group of caring people that gathered yesterday to share condolences to the victims, families and friends. With love and kindness from Aruba to the world. □

A Full House for De Suikertuin's Terrific Vegetarian Evening

ORANJESTAD - It was a full house Saturday evening at Restaurant De Suikertuin in the Wilhelminasstraat, when it's Vegetarian Evening with Guest Chef Rodney Theysen was held. As promised, the palate and taste buds of the sixty guests went into overdrive. The lovely restaurant was filled to the max, yet it was not overcrowded. Chef Rodney had everything under control and the tasty dishes were much appreciated. The Vegetarian Evening was the first of a series of upcoming events at De Suikertuin: an Indonesian Night and a Healthy Cooking workshop by (Rent a) Chef Bas Kuurstra are coming up. We'll keep you posted.

The Vegetarian Evening started off with a superb spinach soup and samosa, a pastry filled with curried potatoes, carrots and peas. The accompanying yoghurt sauce with cilantro and mustard gave a fresh and unusual twist to this dish. Then the main course was served: the Portobello mushroom with



blue cheese and tomatoes received high marks, as did the stuffed pepper, the Tabulah and the crispy iceberg salad wrap. Dessert was breathtakingly good: an avocado gateau, with

avocado and chocolate pudding layers between Marie crackers which had been soaked in brandy and espresso coffee. It might sound very strange indeed, but it was a true



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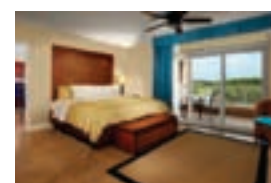
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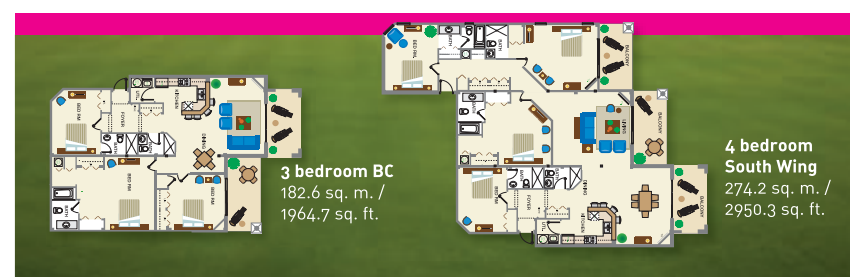


Star of the evening was Chef Rodney, who received extra assistance from Babette van Aps in the kitchen. Rodney and his team deserve lots of compliments for their efforts: it was a terrific and very tasty evening indeed. Historic mansion De Suikertuin is open from 8 - 4 pm from Mondays thru Saturdays. Private parties, celebrations, brunches or high teas belong to the possibilities. Just call 582-6322 to find out; the address is Wilhelminasstraat 64. ☐

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Hugs and Kisses for Audrey Gage, the Flower Lady at Salt & Pepper



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PALM BEACH - Today it is time for big hugs and kisses for Mrs. Audrey Gage, the lady who can be found at Salt & Pepper Restaurant every morning. Audrey is a much-liked, lovely woman, who brings flowers from her garden to decorate her breakfast table at the restaurant; that is why she is called the Flower Lady. Her positive vibes and smiling face are very welcoming and Audrey knows many regulars at the popular restaurant in the Arawak Garden by name. Some of them have become her friends, like Tom, Gerry and Gemma from New Jersey. She met them in 2009 when Tom came in searching for Rooibos tea and pancakes, his favorite breakfast choice.

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McIlroy has silver cup, now he wants green jacket

PAUL NEWBERRY

AP National Writer

HOYLAKE, England (AP) —

Rory McIlroy clutched the treasured piece of silverware, his reward for winning golf's oldest major championship.

Now he's got his eyes on a new jacket. Something in green, preferably.

With a grind-it-out performance on the final day of the British Open, McIlroy checked off another requirement for joining perhaps the most exclusive club in the game.

U.S. Open? He's won that. PGA Championship? Yep, got one of those too.

British Open? Took care of that on Sunday.

"I'm immensely proud of myself," McIlroy said, clutching the claret jug after a two-shot victory over Sergio Garcia and Rickie Fowler. "To sit here at 25 years of age and win my third major championship and be three-quarters of the way to the career Grand Slam, I never dreamed of being at this point in my career so quickly."

All that's left is the Masters. Get ready, Augusta National. This guy isn't very patient.

"I really don't have any doubt that he'll win there," Fowler said. "It's just a matter of time."

Unlike his first two major titles — eight-shot runaways at both the 2011 U.S. Open and the 2012 PGA Championship — McIlroy had to

sweat this one out a bit. He didn't play his best, settling for a 1-over 71 that was his highest score of the week. He bogeyed two straight holes on the front side, giving his challengers a glimmer of hope. But it was never really in doubt, his lead never less than two shots.

"I always felt like I had that little bit of a cushion," McIlroy said.

All along, he had his eyes on a bigger prize.

The Grand Slam.

With his victory at Royal Liverpool, McIlroy became the third-youngest player — behind Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods — to win three of the four majors. Nicklaus, Woods, Ben Hogan, Gary Player and Gene Sarazen are the only players to capture all four, a feat that eluded such greats as Tom Watson, Arnold Palmer and Sam Snead.

Indeed, a pretty exclusive club.

"I just want to be the best golfer that I can be," McIlroy said. "I know if I can do that, then trophies like this are within my capability. I'd love to win a lot more and I'm really looking forward to ... next April and trying to complete the career Grand Slam."

Nicklaus has long been impressed with McIlroy's potential.

The Golden Bear liked what he saw on Sunday, watching the finale on television.

"I like his swagger," Nicklaus said in a message posted on Facebook page. "I like



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland attends a press conference after winning the British Open Golf championship at the Royal Liverpool golf club, Hoylake, England, Sunday July 20, 2014.

Associated Press

the way he handles himself. I like his desire to be great. I like his desire to do the things he needs to do. I like that in a young guy. He's cocky in a nice way." After ripping up the course the first three days, McIlroy didn't go with the driver as much and played some shots safely into the middle of the green, avoiding unnecessary risks when he had a lead to work with. That strategy looked familiar to Nicklaus, who has won more major titles (18) than anyone.

"The other guys put the pressure on him with what they did," Nicklaus said. "Rory then did what he had to do. That is the measure of what you are doing. It is not to go out and shoot another 66. It's shooting what you have to shoot to

win the golf tournament." Playing in the final group for the second straight major, Fowler put up his best round of the championship, a 5-under 67 with not one bogey on his card. Garcia, still seeking that elusive first major title 15 years after he nearly got one at age 19, fired a 66 but saw his hopes collapse when he needed two swings to get out of a bunker at No. 15 — the shortest hole on the course. At the end, all McIlroy has to do was tap in a putt from a couple of inches away to finish off a 17-under 271. "It's difficult when you're in a situation where you know you can't make a mistake," Garcia said. "I wanted to at least make him feel a little bit and see how he would respond. And he obviously responded very well."

After some issues off the course, including him breaking off the engagement to tennis player Caroline Wozniacki just as the marriage invitations went out, McIlroy seems totally focused on his game.

That's good for golf, especially with Woods struggling to recapture anything close to his former dominance. Playing his first major of the year after recovering from back surgery, he finished 23 shots behind the winner and 69th overall — the worst 72-hole performance of his major championship career.

McIlroy is eager to fill the void left by a wounded Tiger.

"Golf is looking to someone to put their hand up," McIlroy said. "I want to be that person." □

Axed Nokia X phones suffered from lack of identity

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NEW YORK (AP) — The Nokia X phones that Microsoft discontinued this week blend two rival operating systems, but leave out the best of each.

As a result, the devices didn't become a runaway hit as Nokia's low-cost answer to serving emerging markets.

Nokia X phones were devised to be a gateway to the company's pricier Lumia phones. The operating system that runs the phones was to blend the core technology found in Google's Android system with services and designs found in Microsoft's own Windows Phone system. Nokia looked to Android as a way to sell phones with locally tailored apps unavailable on Windows.

But Microsoft completed its deal to buy Nokia's phone business in April, and Nokia X is gone less than three months later.

"Nokia tried to bring the best of both worlds on this device, but once you play around with it, this phone kind of falls short of how fantastic it could be," said Ramon Llamas, an IDC analyst who follows phones.

Although sales figures aren't available, Llamas said his research showed Nokia X was "not the one that everybody seems to be flocking to."

The Nokia X project is an example of clashing priorities that Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella is trying to curb with a refocusing effort that includes 18,000 job eliminations over the next year. In Thursday's announcement of the cuts, Microsoft said it will shift future Nokia X product designs to its Lumia line of Windows devices.

Although Microsoft Devices chief and former Nokia CEO Stephen Elop pinned the move on a need to align Nokia's strategy with Microsoft's, two other factors contributed to the downfall: Nokia X lacked an identity, while Windows got better.

Now, Microsoft is left to target emerging markets with



Windows alone.

Nokia and Microsoft had been partners long before Microsoft bought the phone business. To maintain the relationship, Nokia sought to appease Microsoft by replacing many of the Google services on Android with Microsoft's services.

Android staples such as Gmail, Google Maps and Google's app store are nowhere to be found. Instead, Nokia X phones have Here Maps from Nokia and Skype and OneDrive from Microsoft. The Nokia X home screen looks nothing like Android, but resembles Windows.

The thinking was that once Nokia X users were ready for higher-end phones, Lumia would be their choice because they are already accustomed to Microsoft services and designs.

But Nokia adapted Android so much that it affected functionality. Software developers had to tweak some of their apps because Nokia X lacks key Google services. For instance, location services have to use Nokia's Here rather than Google Maps. In-app payments also had to be tweaked to allow billing through mobile carriers, something Nokia X enabled because many people in emerging markets lack credit cards.

Meanwhile, even as Nokia adopted the look of Windows, it didn't adopt its ease of use. It was more

like a knockoff version of Windows.

Windows devices set themselves apart by offering colorful home-screen tiles stuffed with content. Instead of just a logo of Facebook, for instance, you get the first several words of notifications. For email, you get the email's sender and the start of the subject line, so users know whether there's anything worth opening the app for. Windows also lets you create tiles to serve as shortcuts to specific tasks within apps — such as places you go often using the mapping app.

Nokia X has none of that. Its home-screen tiles are static, like overblown versions of Android icons.

Now, Llamas said, Microsoft is under even more pressure to succeed with Windows in emerging markets. Although recent improvements help, he said, many phone makers by now have settled on Android for cheaper devices. Nokia X did succeed at keeping prices low. Its four models range from \$120 to \$150. By contrast, Nokia's Lumia Icon costs \$550 without subsidies that come with two-year service contracts. Apple's iPhone 5s and Samsung's Galaxy S5 cost even more.

In killing Nokia X, Microsoft isn't changing Nokia's commitment to serving emerging markets. Microsoft knows those regions are high-growth areas, as

many people in the United States and other industrialized markets already have smartphones. Microsoft is also aware that those devices need to be affordable.

The day before Nokia announced its Android phones at a February wireless show in Barcelona, Spain, Microsoft unveiled plans to update its Windows Phone system. Among other things, the software runs more efficiently, so it

doesn't require as much processing power. That update, Windows Phone 8.1, came out in May. Microsoft also began giving the Windows software to phone makers for free, the way Google has with Android. And it relaxed requirements for physical buttons. All that has made Windows phones cheaper to make.

The Nokia X phones do have some good touches, including slots for two SIM cards — something important for emerging markets, where phone rates vary so much that people often switch services depending on whom they are calling or texting. Windows didn't allow that until the May update.

The improvements made to Windows ultimately reduced the need for Nokia X. But even if that hadn't happened, it was doubtful Nokia X would have survived under new owners.

In his memo, Elop pointed out that "the role of phones within Microsoft is different than it was within Nokia." Nokia's business had been to make phones. □

Yahoo buying app and analytics 0 company Flurry

NEW YORK (AP) -- Yahoo is buying Flurry Inc., a startup that helps other programmers build better mobile applications and craft marketing campaigns for smartphones and tablets. The deal announced Monday is the latest in a wave of mostly small acquisitions that Yahoo Inc. has made during the two-year reign of CEO Marissa Mayer as the company's tries to attract more traffic on mobile devices.

The shopping spree hasn't yet provided Yahoo with the means to boost its revenue growth at a time more advertising is moving to online services. The Sunnyvale, California, company

last week disclosed another lackluster performance in the April-June period.

Yahoo didn't disclose how much it is paying for Flurry, an indication that the price isn't big enough to affect Yahoo's finances.

Flurry, based in San Francisco, says its analytics are used by 170,000 developers.

Yahoo is counting on Flurry to provide it with the tools to work with more developers of mobile apps.

With most of its traffic now coming on mobile devices, Yahoo said its mobile ad revenue has more than doubled during the past year.

Yahoo's rivals already run services similar to Flurry. □

US stock slip to start the week; Six Flags sinks

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NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market started the week with a slight loss on Monday as investors weighed a mixed batch of corporate earnings against mounting political turmoil.

European leaders called for imposing tougher sanctions on Russia for its backing of separatists accused of shooting down a Malaysia Airways passenger plane in Ukraine last week. The European Union's foreign ministers will meet Tuesday to discuss their next steps.

In Washington, President Barack Obama demanded that international investigators get full access to the crash site and said the separatists had blocked investigators.

"It looks like we hit a speed bump," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank in Chicago. "Earnings are coming through quite nicely so far, but geopolitics trump earnings today."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 4.59 points, or 0.2 percent, to close at 1,973.63. Seven of the 10 industry groups fell, led by retailers and other consumer-discretionary companies.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 48.45 points, or 0.3 percent, to 17,051.73,



Kenneth Polcari, third left, works with fellow traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The stock market started the week with a slight loss on Monday as investors weighed a mixed batch of corporate earnings against mounting political turmoil.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

while the Nasdaq composite lost 7.44 points, or 0.2 percent, to 4,424.70.

European markets ended lower. Germany's DAX dropped 1.1 percent while France's CAC-40 lost 0.7 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 slipped 0.3 percent.

A few well-known companies turned in results that fell short of estimates on Monday. The toy maker Hasbro reported second-quarter earnings and revenue that came in below analysts' tar-

gets. Rising sales of My Little Pony, Transformers and other toys weren't enough to stem a decline in sales of games such as Twister. Hasbro's stock sank \$1.43, or 2.7 percent, to \$51.78. Six Flags Entertainment posted higher profits and sales in the second quarter, but the theme-park operator's revenue came up short of what analysts had expected, partially a result of sluggish attendance. Six Flags slumped \$1.69, or 4.1 per-

cent, to \$39.31.

Despite the dour news, the second-quarter earnings season is off to a strong start: Of the 88 companies that have reported results so far, 58 have beaten analysts' estimates.

Nearly a third of the companies in the S&P 500 index will hand in their quarterly results this week, including such heavyweights as Apple on Tuesday, Boeing on Wednesday and Amazon on Thursday. □

Credit Suisse and Fidelity to team for IPOs

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With initial public offerings continuing to stream out of Wall Street's pipeline this year, Fidelity Investments is moving to ensure that its retail customers can get a piece of the action.

The firm said on Monday that it was teaming up with Credit Suisse to give its retail brokerage clients access to IPOs and follow-on stock sales underwritten by the investment bank. The deal applies only to the retail brokerage unit because Fidelity mutual fund managers already have access to such offerings.

It is the latest partnership that Fidelity has struck to open up direct access for retail customers to some of the most popular stock offerings in recent memory. Five years ago, the firm announced a similar arrangement with the capital markets arm of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, giving its retail clients unique access to IPOs arranged by KKR. Those were primarily offerings held by the private equity giant's portfolio companies.

The new arrangement with Credit Suisse promises to be broader. The investment bank ranked sixth for global IPO underwriting in the first half of the year, according to Thomson Reuters, having handled 63 offerings. And the firm is working on several prominent stock sales to come, including the highly anticipated market debut of the Chinese Internet colossus Alibaba Group.

Credit Suisse - which was approached by Fidelity - benefits because it receives a direct line to the world of discount brokerage clients. Those customers could prove particularly interested in stock offerings for high-yield companies, including those for master limited partnerships and real estate investment trusts that pay high dividends. Such deals make up about 30 percent of the sales that Credit Suisse handles. □

Tesco taps outsider to spearhead turnaround

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LONDON - Tesco, Britain's biggest retailer and a grocer being squeezed both by premium food purveyors and deep discounters, announced a management shake-up Monday and warned that its profits would be lower than previously expected.

Philip Clarke, a career Tesco executive who became chief in 2011, will be replaced by Dave Lewis, a 28-year veteran of Unilever who most recently ran its personal care division.

Tesco said in a statement that market conditions were worse than expected

and that sales for the first half of the year would be "somewhat below expectations" but provided no further guidance.

Tesco, which controls about 29 percent of Britain's grocery market, has struggled with eroding sales as it has tried to battle back from the country's deep recession and a competitive onslaught. Premium grocers like Waitrose and Whole Foods Market have skimmed off shoppers willing to pay more for top-line brands and organic foods, while big discounters like Lidl and Aldi, two privately held German companies, have made major inroads

in Britain.

"There is a need for change," said Clive Black, head of research at Shore Capital, a British stock brokerage.

He said Clarke had succeeded in addressing some of Tesco's structural issues, including better customer service and a broader range of products, but had failed to confront pricing pressure from the likes of Lidl and Aldi.

Sir Richard Broadbent, the chairman of Tesco's board, said it was time for new management.

"Having guided Tesco through a substantial repositioning in challenging

markets," Broadbent said in a statement, "Philip Clarke agreed with the Board that this is the appropriate moment to hand over to a new leader with fresh perspectives and a new profile." Lewis is to join the board in October. Clarke will continue as chief executive until then and work on the transition through the end of January. Clarke was dealt a tough hand when he took over at Tesco three years ago. His predecessor, Sir Terry Leahy, was considered a retailing star.

But his focus on global expansion led him to neglect his home market, some analysts said. □

Russia's Severstal selling US market plants for \$2.3B

NEW YORK (AP) — Russian steel company Severstal is exiting the U.S. market, selling a pair of steel plants to AK Steel and Steel Dynamics for about \$2.33 billion. Word of a possible sale began to circulate earlier this year as the West threatened sanctions against Russia for its activity in the Ukraine, but Severstal has not among those compa-

nies targeted by those actions. Steel Dynamics Inc. said Monday that it will pay about \$1.63 billion for Severstal Columbus, which is located in northeast Mississippi. The acquisition will increase Steel Dynamics' annual steel shipping capacity by approximately 40 percent to 11 million tons.

Steel Dynamics, based in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, anticipates the deal will immediately add to its earnings per share. The boards of both companies have approved the sale, which is expected to be completed before year's end. Separately, AK Steel Holding Corp. said that it is buying Severstal's steel plant

in Dearborn, Michigan for \$700 million. The deal also includes a coke making plant and interests in three joint ventures that process flat-rolled steel products. The West Chester, Ohio steelmaker said that the Dearborn plant is located close to many of its customers and that the assets it is getting in the sale complement its existing carbon

steel operations. The company expects the transaction to immediately add to its earnings and generate about \$50 million in annual cost savings. AK Steel said it has no plans to stop operations at any of its current steel-making or steeling finishing plants. It anticipates the deal closing in the fourth quarter. □

Allergan to cut 1,500 employees in restructuring

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Botox maker Allergan will cut about 13 percent of its workforce as part of a push to become more efficient while it fights a hostile takeover bid from Valeant Pharmaceuticals. The Irvine, California, company said Monday it plans to trim about 1,500 employees and around 250 vacant positions as it restructures to focus on its "highest value opportunities."

Allergan said its restructuring will yield annual pretax savings of about \$475 million in 2015. It announced the cuts the same day it said second-quarter results trumped analyst expectations, as earnings grew 16 percent to \$417.2 million. "Today's results demonstrate that we're clearly on the right path," Chairman and CEO David Pyott told analysts during a conference call. "The actions announced today will only accelerate our trajectory." Allergan Inc. has rejected several takeover attempts

from Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc. and activist investor Bill Ackman's Pershing Square Capital Management. The latest amounts to about \$53 billion in cash and stock.

Valeant has promised cost-cutting and savings of its own if the two companies combine. Ackman, whose company owns a 9.7 percent stake in Allergan, told CNBC that shareholders had been asking for Allergan cost-cutting for some time. He said the reductions that the company announced Monday amounted to "cutting out fat you should have cut out a long time ago."

"Allergan can only achieve so much as a stand-alone company," he said. Ackman has lined up nominees for Allergan's board, and Pershing Square wants to hold a special meeting where Allergan shareholders can have a say in the buyout bid and on the company's direction. Allergan, which also makes the dry-eye treatment

Restasis, has adopted a "poison pill" measure to block a takeover. Pyott said Monday that Valeant's offer was "so far away from the intrinsic value of this company" that there was no reason for the drugmakers to have substantive talks.



Photo shows a vial of Botox, made by Allergan. Botox maker Allergan will cut about 13 percent of its workforce, or roughly 1,500 employees, as part of a push to become more efficient and productive. (AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes)

Allergan and Valeant have feuded publicly over the possible takeover since April. In the latest twist, Valeant said Monday it has complained to both the Securities and Exchange Commission and authorities in the Canadian prov-

ince of Quebec, where it is based, that Allergan has been making false statements about its business even though Valeant has publicly corrected it. Valeant said the latest example of these statements involves the performance of contact lens maker

tempts to mislead investors and manipulate the market for Valeant stock," Valeant Chairman and CEO J. Michael Pearson said in a statement from the company.

An Allergan spokesman responded by email that the company stood by its comments.

"We call on Valeant to report complete and transparent details on its business on an ongoing basis," the spokesman said. "At the end of the day, investors will make their own decisions."

The drugmaker also said on Monday that it raised its forecast for adjusted 2014 earnings to between \$5.74 and \$5.80 per share from a range of \$5.64 to \$5.73 that it predicted in May. It expects Botox to deliver net sales ranging from \$2.2 billion to \$2.28 billion.

Botox is known best for its ability to smooth frown lines on aging foreheads, but it also is approved to treat neck spasms, eye muscle disorders, migraines and other conditions. □

In Alibaba Group, a bonanza for China's top scions

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HONG KONG - It was billed as biggest private financing deal in the history of China.

In September 2012, the Alibaba Group announced that it had completed a \$7.6 billion deal to buy back half of Yahoo's stake in it. The giant e-commerce company raised part of the money by selling shares to select investors, notably China's sovereign wealth fund and three prominent Chinese investment firms.

What Alibaba did not detail was the deep political connections of the investment firms, Boyu Capital, Citic Capital Holdings and CDB Capital, the China Development Bank's private investment arm.

Their senior executive ranks included sons or grandsons of the most powerful members of the ruling Communist Party, according to an analysis by The New York Times. Documents reviewed by The Times also show that a fourth investor bought Alibaba shares

that month: New Horizon Capital, a private equity firm co-founded by the son of China's prime minister at the time, Wen Jiabao. The new revelations only demonstrate the paucity of information about existing shareholders in what is poised to be the biggest initial public offering of this year.

As part of its regular filings for the offering, Alibaba disclosed the owners of about 70 percent of its shares. The group includes big foreign investors like

Yahoo and the Japanese communications company SoftBank, as well as top executives such as Alibaba's chairman, Jack Ma, and its vice chairman, Joe Tsai.

But less is known about other shareholders, whose sway may be significant even if their stakes are not. The situation raises questions about the transparency and operations of Alibaba, which is set to go public in the United States in the coming months.

"It would take, at this point,

a seismic effort to topple an Alibaba," said Anne Stevenson-Yang, a co-founder of the Beijing firm J Capital Research, which specializes in detailed analyses of Chinese companies. "They've got so many different allies across so many different ministries."

Such politically connected investors will most likely reap a bonanza when Alibaba goes public, an offering that analysts estimate could value the company at more than \$200 billion. □

Gaza

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Israel allows many consumer goods into Gaza, but experts say Gaza's economy cannot recover without a resumption of exports. The Rafah passenger crossing with Egypt is Gaza's only gate to the world, but Egypt has tightened restrictions over the past year, allowing only medical patients, Muslim pilgrims and Gazans with foreign passports to travel.

On Monday, President Barack Obama reaffirmed his belief that Israel has the right to defend itself against rockets being launched by Hamas into Israel. Yet, he contended that Israel's military action in Gaza had already done "significant damage" to the Hamas terrorist infrastructure and said he doesn't want to see more civilians getting killed. Kerry was to arrive in Cairo later Monday.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told Sky News Arabia that the goal of Israel's strikes on Gaza is "to restore quiet and security for the people of Israel for a significant period of time."

"We'll take whatever action is necessary to achieve that goal," he said, adding that Israel has accepted cease-fire offers, while Hamas has rejected them. Israel has said it is trying to minimize civilian deaths and has accused Hamas of using civilians as human shields.

However, Israeli strikes on homes have driven up casualties.

About half of the dead were killed in their homes, according to the Al Mezan Centre for Human Rights, a Palestinian human rights group. Various Palestinian rights groups estimated that at least 425 homes across Gaza were attacked by the military since July 8. Israel has not provided details about targets, only saying it is hitting Hamas rocket launchers and command and control centers.

Among the dead in the strike on the Gaza City apartment tower Monday was Zakariya Abu Dagha, a leader of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, one of several small PLO factions.

Six of the 11 killed were members of the same family, al-Kidra said. He said the family — a German-educated engineer, Ibrahim Kelani, his wife and four children — had sought refuge in the apartment tower after fleeing their apartment in a border area of Gaza that has come under heavy Israeli fire.

The Israeli military reported heavy fighting with Hamas in Gaza on Monday.

Three soldiers were killed in those clashes, while a female suicide bomber was shot before she could detonate her explosive belt among soldiers, the military said. Another four Israeli soldiers were killed in a fire-fight when Hamas militants sneaked into Israel through a tunnel from Gaza. □

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Beef pollutes more than pork, poultry, study says

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AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Raising beef for the American dinner table does far more damage to the environment than producing pork, poultry, eggs or dairy, a new study says.

Compared with the other animal proteins, beef produces five times more heat-trapping gases per calorie, puts out six times as much water-polluting nitrogen, takes 11 times more water for irrigation and uses 28 times the land, according to the study published Monday in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Cows are not efficient at converting feed to protein for human consumption, said lead author Gidon Eshel, an environmental physics professor at Bard College in New York.

Eshel used U.S. government figures to calculate air and water emissions and how much water and land were used in the lifetime production of beef, pork, poultry, dairy and eggs.

While other studies have looked at the issue, this is one of the most comprehensive pieces of research quantifying and comparing the U.S. environmental costs of different meats and other animal protein. The beef industry called the study "a gross oversimplification of the complex systems that make up the beef value chain."

Kim Stackhouse, sustainability director at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, said that the industry has improved its environmental sustainability in recent years and that



This June 18, 2009 file photo shows cows grazing in Rock County, Neb.

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the U.S. produces beef with the lowest greenhouse gas emissions of any country.

In the study, pork, poultry, dairy and eggs all had comparable environmental footprints, so close there were no statistically significant differences among them, Eshel said. But cows were off-the-chart different. The study did not look at plants or fish raised for human consumption.

Cows burp major amounts of methane, a greenhouse gas that is dozens of times more potent than carbon dioxide. Their digestive system makes them produce considerably more methane than pigs, chickens or turkeys do, Eshel said. The manure used to grow feed for cows also releases methane, as does their own bodily waste.

Because they are bigger and take longer to put on weight for meat, cows eat more food over their lifetimes than other animals raised for protein.

Nitrogen, from fertilizer run-

off, can harm rivers, lakes and bays, causing oxygen-depleted "dead zones." The use of irrigation water is a major issue out West when there are droughts, like the current one in California. So much land used for farming changes the biodiversity of a location, Eshel said.

"It really looks like beef is a

lot worse environmentally than these other meats," said Ken Caldeira, an environmental scientist at the Carnegie Institution for Science. Caldeira wasn't part of this study, but has a separate study of beef's greenhouse gas footprint around the world, published this month in the journal Climatic Change.

Eshel calculates that the average American who switches from beef to pork would reduce the equivalent of 1,200 pounds of carbon dioxide a year, which is about nine days' worth of the nation's per capita greenhouse gas emissions. The EPA calculates that it is the same as the emissions from 61 gallons of gas or what comes out of the smokestack from burning 580 pounds of coal.

Caldeira said his calculations found that "eating a pound of beef causes more greenhouse warming than burning a gallon of gasoline."

Even though pigs have the reputation for being dirty, the data shows that they "come out pretty clean" when compared to cows, Eshel said.

The message from the study is "whenever possible try to replace beef with other sources of protein from animal sources," said Eshel, who said he doesn't eat meat now but used to raise cattle on a kibbutz in Israel. □

World breaks monthly heat record 2 times in a row

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The globe is on a hot streak, setting a heat record in June. That's after the world broke a record in May. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Monday that last month's average global temperature was 61.2 degrees (16.2 Celsius), which is 1.3 degrees higher than the 20th century average. It beat 2010's old record by one-twentieth of a degree.

While one-twentieth of a degree doesn't sound like much, in temperature records it's like winning a horse race by several lengths, said NOAA climate monitoring chief Derek Arndt. And that's only part of it. The world's oceans not only broke a monthly heat

record at 62.7 degrees (17 Celsius), but it was the hottest the oceans have been on record no matter what the month, Arndt said.

"We are living in the steroid era of the climate system," Arndt said.

Arndt said both the June and May records were driven by unusually hot oceans, especially the Pacific and Indian oceans. Heat records in June broke on every continent but Antarctica, especially in New Zealand, northern South America, Greenland, central Africa and southern Asia.

The United States had only its 33rd hottest June.

All 12 of the world's monthly heat records have been set after 1997, more than half in the last decade. All the global cold monthly records were set before 1917.

And with a likely El Nino this year — the warming of the tropical Pacific which influences the world's weather and increases global temperatures — it is starting to look like another extra warm year, said University of Arizona climate scientist Jonathan Overpeck. The first six months of the year are the third warmest first six months on record, coming behind 2010 and 1998, according to NOAA. Global temperature records go back to 1880 and this is the 352nd hotter than average month in a row.

"This is what global warming looks like," Overpeck said in an email. "Not record hot everywhere all the time, but certainly a reflection that the odds of record hot are going up everywhere around the planet." □



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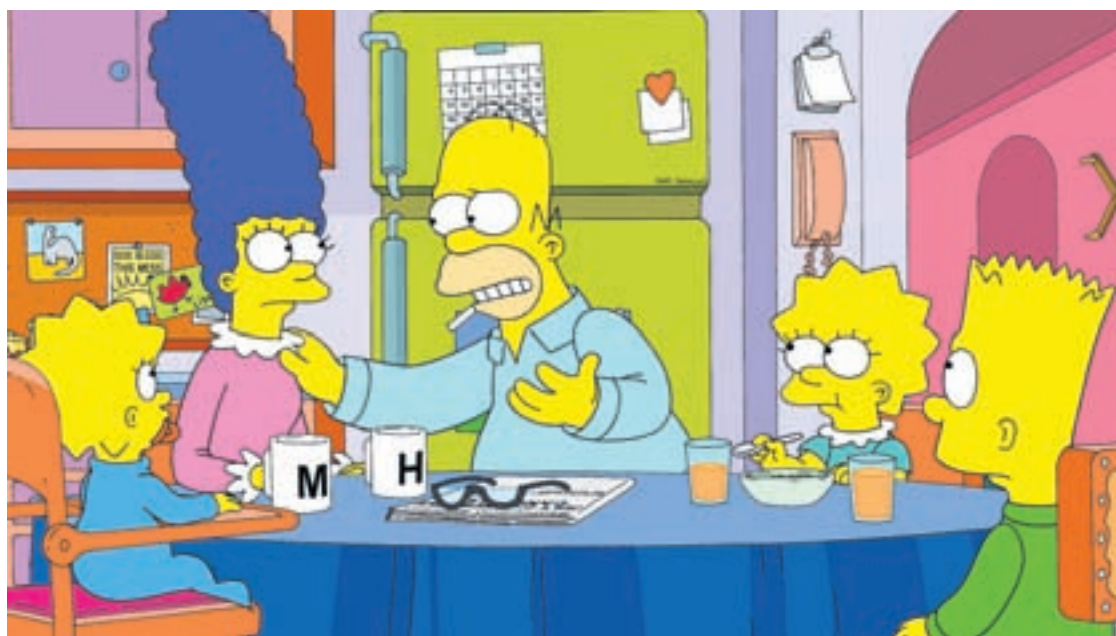
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Fonda, Kardashian voice Fox animated episodes

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP) — Jane Fonda, Sarah Silverman and Nick Offerman are among the guest voices on "The Simpsons" this fall, while Kim Kardashian lends her voice in the final episode of "American Dad." Fox said Sunday that Kardashian plays an alien in the woods who has a fling with Roger when the series wraps up its run on Sept. 21. Jane Krakowski is heard in the one-hour season premiere on Sept. 14, with a second episode immediately following. "The Simpsons" returns for

its 26th season on Sept. 28. Fonda plays Mr. Burns' girlfriend, while Willem Dafoe voices the part of Bart's bullying teacher Mr. Lassen. Offerman and Silverman are heard in other episodes. Judd Apatow writes a special episode set to air later in the season. "Family Guy" comes back with a one-hour premiere on Sept. 28 that features a get-together between the Griffins and the Simpsons. The voices of Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie will be heard, along with Moe. Liam



In this photo released by Fox, Homer explains why he wants to bring back the annual 4th of July fireworks display, after it's cancelled for budget reasons, in the "Yellow Badge of Cowardge" Season Finale episode of "The Simpsons," in May 2014.

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Neeson, Julie Bowen of "Modern Family" and Allison Janney of "Mom" lend their voices later in the season.

Emmy-nominated "Bob's Burgers" returns for a fifth season on Oct. 5. Rachel Dratch, Kevin Kline, Zach Galifianakis, Bill Hader, Aziz

Ansari, Carl Reiner, Molly Shannon, Megan Mullally and Offerman, her real-life husband, are among the guest voices. □

'Fargo' gets 2nd season on FX with new cast, crime

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Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — FX is taking another trip to "Fargo."

The network announced Monday it has renewed the series for a second season with a new cast, time period and crime. The location, however, is still being worked out.

The earliest the series will air is fall 2015.

FX CEO John Landgraf said at the Television Critics Association summer press tour that while he thinks casting an Oscar-winning actor like Billy Bob Thornton helped attract viewers, he's not sure that it's necessary for season two. Landgraf noted that Allison Tolman, who began the series as an unknown actress, now has an Emmy nomination.

"We needed Billy Bob Thornton, but now the show, the title, the tone, the writing ... are the star of that show," Landgraf said. Landgraf compared "Fargo," which also starred Martin Freeman, to HBO's "True Detective," saying



This image released by FX shows Martin Freeman as Lester Nygaard in a scene from "Fargo."

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the latter "is gonna have to prove that it's more than just a vehicle for movie stars."

Noah Hawley, who wrote every episode of season one, will remain at the helm.

Hawley has "already proven he can write something really great," Landgraf said.

"Fargo" has earned 18 Emmy nominations. It was based on the 1996 Coen brothers' movie. □

Charlie Hunnam talks about leaving 'Fifty Shades'



In this June 1, 2014 file photo, Charlie Hunnam arrives at the Huading Film Awards in Los Angeles.

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Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP) — The first trailer for the "Fifty Shades of Grey" movie will be released this week and the original Christian Grey, Charlie Hunnam, says he can't wait for the finished product.

Speaking Sunday at a Fox event as part of the Television Critics Association press tour, the 34-year-old actor said he still believes in the film even though he's no longer a part of it. "I'm just really excited to see it. I was just really, really invested and wanted to work with (director) Sam (Taylor-Johnson) and play

that character. I'm really, really curious."

Hunnam went on to say it's not fair to dismiss author E.L. James' writing as so-called "mommy porn."

"I think people really do that book a disservice when they reduce it to that type of talk," he said. "What (E.L. James) actually created is a really sophisticated dynamic and presented it in a package which was accessible to people who normally would be terrified of that subject ... Actually what she did was pretty brilliant." The "Sons of Anarchy" actor dropped out of the big-screen adaptation one month after it was an-

nounced he had landed the role of the billionaire Grey, a sexual "dominant" with major baggage who falls for an innocent college coed (played by Dakota Johnson.)

Universal Pictures and Focus Features said Hunnam's preparation time for the movie was limited by his TV schedule. He was replaced shortly after by actor Jamie Dornan.

Hunnam admits walking away from the part was "pretty heartbreaking."

"I don't think people have had unchaperoned access to me since all of this went on ... the CliffsNotes were exactly what we said. I couldn't do it because of (the) schedule. It was as simple as that."

The actor even said he would be willing to have his audition tape be included as a DVD extra for curious fans.

Hunnam says Dornan is "probably a lot better looking and a lot smoother" than he is.

"I would've brought a certain rugged charm to (the role) but believe me, he's going to do just fine."

"Fifty Shades" is scheduled to open on Valentine's Day in 2015. □

'The Fantasticks' breaks a color barrier

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AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Not long ago, Kevin R. Free went to an audition for a part in the longest running musical in history. He immediately felt weird. All the other actors vying for the same part were at least 10 years older and he was the only African-American. Looking around at his competition, Free was confused and getting increasingly angry. "I just felt like, 'Why am I here? I have to talk to my manager about this,'" he recalled, laughing. "I mean, 'Why am I even here?'"

Free, a playwright, director and actor in New York's downtown theater scene, pulled himself together enough to do a monologue and sing a song when his name was called. It worked: He got both the



This image released by DDPR Public Relations shows Kevin R. Free as Bellomy in "The Fantasticks." Free has taken over the role of Bellomy in "The Fantasticks," the first time a black man has played the role in the New York show's more than 20,000 performances over 54 years. Associated Press

job and a chance to make history. Free has taken over the role of Bellomy in "The Fantasticks," the first time a black man has played the role in the New York show's

Over the years, there has been a black El Gallo, and the lead girl has been played both by a Latina and an Asia-American. But Bellomy, her father, hasn't been portrayed by an African-American before. No changes have been made to the script to address the fact that Free's daughter is now being played by a white woman.

Catherine Russell, who co-produces "The Fantasticks," welcomed the change, pointing out that mixed-race families are increasingly the norm, reflected from Cheerios commercials to the race-neutral casting in "Scandal." "I'm really excited about that, and I'm really happy that that's happening with 'The Fantasticks' also," she says. "I think it should reflect modern life." Free had seen two previous productions of the "The Fantasticks" — in the 1980s in college and again in the 1990s at a community theater in his native North Carolina.

When he found out about the audition, Free naturally went out and bought a ticket to see the show. But he went to the wrong theater that night and was too embarrassed to show up late.

At the audition, Free had to be creative. "I wore a purple cardigan and a brightly-colored bow tie," he says. "I thought, 'This will work. This is what I'll wear.' I had no idea that the character actually wears a little bow tie and brightly colored clothes."

Free is also a producer of The Fire This Time Festival, which promotes playwrights of color, and is a director at the Broadway Training Center of Westchester, where he's preparing 11 girls in "Starlight Express" this summer.

His path to "The Fantasticks" started with his arrival to New York in 1995 to do musical comedy and has led him to regional roles, parts on "Law & Order," directing and writing, performing with the New York Neo-Futurists, and narrating audiobooks. □

Burke fashions epic story in 'Wayfaring Stranger'

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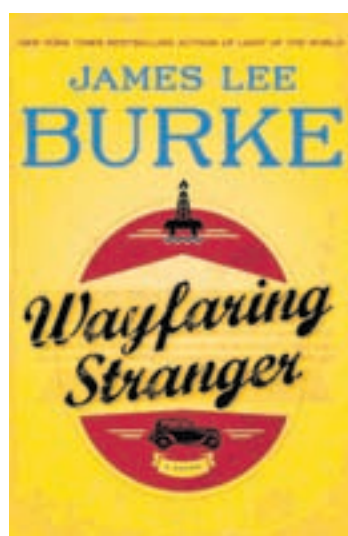
"Wayfaring Stranger" (Simon & Schuster), by James Lee Burke

Author James Lee Burke is a descendant of tough Texas lawmen. In fact, his maternal great-grandfather once tangled with some of the West's most notorious gunslingers.

Although Burke is most famous for hard-boiled crime novels featuring Louisiana lawman Dave Robicheaux, he has written seven fine novels inspired by the Holland side of his family, changing the surname to Holland when he introduced Hackberry Holland, a hard-drinking lawyer, in "Lay Down My Sword and Shield" in 1971. In "Wayfaring Stranger," he introduces another member of the family, Weldon Avery Holland. When we first meet him, it's 1934, and Weldon, a teenager, is living on a hardscrabble Texas farm with his mentally ill mother and his grumpy grandfather, the man who had fought the likes of John Wesley Hardin, Bill Dalton

and Pancho Villa. But now, Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker wander into their lives, hiding out on the edge of the Holland property between bank robberies. Unsure if they are evil thugs or the avenging angels Depression-era popular culture made them out to be, Weldon is haunted by the encounter.

But later, as a second lieutenant, Weldon and his sergeant, Hershel Pine, discover what true evil is when a Waffen SS Tiger tank nearly takes their lives. Separated from their unit, they accidentally wander into an abandoned Nazi death camp where Weldon saves a young woman named Rosita Lowenstein, who eventually agrees to be his wife. After the war, Weldon and Hershel return to Texas where they go into business together, building pipelines for the booming oil business. But rich and politically well-connected Texans are eager to destroy their business and acquire the unique welding process they have patented.



This book cover image released by Simon & Schuster shows "Wayfaring Stranger," by James Lee Burke. Associated Press

The two friends want to believe they left evil behind in Europe, but they soon discover that anti-Semitism is not foreign to American soil, and that rampant greed is just another form of evil. The forces arrayed against Weldon and Hershel bear down on them with all the force of a freight train, tearing at their marriages, threatening them with prison and even attempting to take their lives. □

more than 20,000 performances over 54 years.

"If we're talking about fictional stories — and if they're so-called universal stories — they can be played by any race," says Free, 45. "I really love doing the show."

"The Fantasticks" — playing at The Snapple Theater Center, an off-Broadway complex in the heart of Times Square — has a cast of eight, two musicians, a cardboard moon and guy who sprinkles confetti to create snow.

The tale, a mock version of "Romeo and Juliet," concerns a young girl and boy secretly brought together by their fathers and an assortment of odd characters, including a rakish narrator called El Gallo, an old actor, an Indian named Mortimer and a character who doesn't speak.

Tom Jones, who wrote the book and lyrics, helped prepare Free for the role. "I don't think he would say it was written for white people to do, but I don't think he pictured me as it was written in 1952," says Free. "But I think I fit really well in the show."

Scores of actors have appeared in the show, from the opening cast that included Jerry Orbach and Rita Gardner, to stars such as Ricardo Montalban and Kristin Chenoweth.

The \$300,000 Drug



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Kalydeco is truly a wonder drug. Developed by Vertex Pharmaceuticals, it is the first drug that attacks not just the symptoms but the underlying cause of cystic fibrosis, a genetic lung disease that usually kills victims by the time they reach their 40s. It doesn't work for every sufferer of the disease but rather for a small subset - probably around 2,000 people - who have a specific genetic mutation that the drug targets. But for those it helps, it is life-changing.

"I still pinch myself every day," says Emily Schaller, 32, who has been taking the drug since she participated in its Phase III trials five years ago. "I can take deep breaths. I can run without coughing."

Two years ago, as it was coming to market, Dr. Margaret Hamburg, the head of the Food and Drug Administration, described Kalydeco an "an excellent example of the promise of personalized medicine." Personalized medicine describes drugs that treat so-called orphan diseases - that is, diseases with a small population - or subsets of people with broader diseases. This kind of targeted medicine has been the holy grail ever since the genome was first sequenced about a decade ago. Now it is becoming a reality.

There is one other way that Kalydeco is an excellent example of personalized medicine: its cost. It's more than \$300,000 a year. Because patients will likely be taking the drug for the rest of their lives, it could cost millions of dollars to keep just one patient on Kalydeco. That raises another important question about the coming of personalized medicine. How are we, as a society, going to pay for it?

What brings this question to the fore is a fight taking place in Arkansas, where the state's Medicaid program is balking at paying for Kalydeco for a handful of young patients with cystic fibrosis. Although state officials won't say so publicly, it is clear that cost is a key issue; The Wall Street Journal got ahold of emails that show Arkansas officials "discussing Kalydeco's cost, and their worries about the expense of future cystic fibrosis drugs."

It's likely that Arkansas will even-

tually fold. Most state Medicaid programs - and private insurers - are paying Kalydeco's cost because it works so well and because the patient population is so small.

What happens, though, when there are 200 such drugs? Or when they are targeted not at cystic fibrosis, which has maybe 30,000 sufferers, but at diabetes or (heaven forbid) cholesterol? A drug called Sovaldi, marketed by Gilead Sciences, takes aim at hepatitis C. It is described as a "breakthrough" drug. But each pill costs \$1,000 - and the full regimen costs \$84,000. And the hepatitis C population isn't 30,000 - it is over 3 million. If everyone with hepatitis C took Sovaldi, it would cost something like \$300 billion, which is about what the country now pays for all prescription drugs combined.

"This is the future of medicine," says Barry Werth, "and there's going to be a reckoning." Werth is the author of "The Antidote," a book about Vertex and its race to discover and bring to market these new kinds of drugs. "Everyone wants to see these drugs succeed," he told me. "Wall Street is all charged up. There really hasn't been any pushback yet on cost."

And even when the pushback comes, as it surely will, how will we get the pharmaceutical companies to change their pricing? Brian O'Sullivan, a cystic fibrosis specialist at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, told me that he thought the price of drugs like Kalydeco was "not sustainable." But in the next breath, he marveled at how well the drug worked and said he didn't want to "scare companies away from doing cystic fibrosis research" by focusing too much on the cost. When I asked Vertex how it could possibly justify charging \$300,000 for Kalydeco, a company spokesman pointed to the small patient population and "the benefit that the medicine provides." He also said that the company had spent \$6.5 billion on research in its existence and had only two drugs approved by the FDA. In effect, he was saying that the Vertex drug was priced, in part, to recoup not just the research and development that led to Kalydeco but all the company's R&D. (For cystic fibrosis sufferers with no insurance, Vertex provides the drug for free.)

When I asked Werth how Vertex could charge \$300,000, he had a much simpler answer: "Because they can."

Vertex has another cystic fibrosis drug that has just come through its Phase III trial and is likely to be on the market soon. It attacks a different, more common problem than Kalydeco and may broaden the number of patients who can be helped to more than 15,000. In my talks with people in the cystic fibrosis community, I got the strong sense that they are hoping this next drug will cost less.

Dream on. □



Who's Right and Wrong in the Middle East?



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With Israeli troops again invading Gaza and the death toll rising, some of the rhetoric from partisans on each side is oddly parallel. Maybe it's time to correct a few common misconceptions among the salvos flying back and forth.

- This is a struggle between good and evil, right and wrong. We can't relax, can't compromise, and we had no choice but to act.

On the contrary, this is a war in which both peoples have a considerable amount of right on their sides. The failure to acknowledge the humanity and legitimate interests of people on the other side has led to cross-demonization. That results in a series of military escalations that leave both peoples worse off.

Israelis are absolutely correct that they have a right not to be hit with rockets by Hamas, not to be kidnapped, not to be subjected to terrorist bombings. And Palestinians are absolutely right that they have a right to a state, a right to run businesses and import goods, a right to live in freedom rather than relegated to second-class citizenship in their own land.

Both sides have plenty of good people who just want the best for their children and their communities, and also plenty of

myopic zealots who preach hatred. A starting point is to put away the good vs. evil narrative and recognize this as the aching story of two peoples - each with legitimate grievances - colliding with each other.

Just because the underlying conflict is between two peoples who each have plenty of right, that's not to say that there are no villains. Hamas is violent, not only toward Israel, but toward its own people, and, in contrast to Israel, it doesn't seem to try to minimize civilian casualties - its own or Israel's. Hamas is not as corrupt as the Palestinian Authority, but it is far more repressive, and my impression from my visits to Gaza is that it's also unpopular at home. Hamas sometimes seems to have more support on certain college campuses in America or Europe than within Gaza.

Meanwhile, the Israeli right undermines the best partner for peace Israel has had, President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority, and Israel's settlements are a gift to Palestinian extremism. These days, in both Gaza and Jerusalem, hawks are in charge, and they empower each other.

- The other side understands only force. What else can we do but fight back when we are attacked?

Israeli leaders, starting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, think that the way to protect their citizens is to invade Gaza and blow up tunnels - and, if Gazan civilians and children die, that's sad but inevitable. And some Gazans think that they're already in an open-air prison, suffocating under the Israeli embargo, and the only way to achieve change is fire rockets - and if some Israeli children die, that's too bad, but 100 times as many Palestinian children are dying already.

In fact, we've seen this movie before: Israel responded to aggression by invading Lebanon in 1982 and 2006, and Gaza in 2008; each time, hawks cheered. Yet each invasion in

retrospect accomplished at best temporary military gains while killing large numbers of innocents; they didn't solve any problems.

Likewise, Palestinian militancy has accomplished nothing but increasing the misery of the Palestinian people. If Palestinians instead turned more to huge Gandhi-style nonviolence resistance campaigns, the resulting videos would reverberate around the world and Palestine would achieve statehood and freedom.

Some Palestinians understand this and are trying this strategy, but too many define nonviolence to include rock-throwing. No, that doesn't cut it.

- What would you do if your family were in Gaza/Israel, at risk of being killed. You wouldn't just sit back and sing "Kumbaya," would you?

If any of us were in southern Israel, frightened sick by rockets being fired by Hamas, we, too, might cheer an invasion of Gaza. And if any of us were in Gaza, strangled by the embargo and losing relatives to Israeli airstrikes, we, too, might cheer the launch of rockets on Tel Aviv. That's human nature.

That's why we need to de-escalate, starting with a cease-fire that includes an end to Hamas rocket attacks and a withdrawal from Gaza by Israel. For Israel, this is a chance to use diplomacy to achieve what gunpowder won't: the marginalization of Hamas. Israel might suggest an internationally supervised election in Gaza with the promise that the return of control to the Palestinian Authority would mean an end to the economic embargo.

Here we have a conflict between right and right that has been hijacked by hard-liners on each side who feed each other. It's not that they are the same, and what I see isn't equivalence. Yet there is, in some ways, a painful symmetry - and one element is that each side vigorously denies that there is any symmetry at all. □

Africans Open Fuller Wallets to the Future

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JOHANNESBURG - Across sub-Saharan Africa, consumer demand is fueling the continent's economies in new ways, driving hopes that Africa will emerge as a success story in the coming years comparable to the rise of the East Asian Tigers in the second half of the 20th century.

After seeing years of uninterrupted economic expansion across Africa, governments, analysts and investors are focusing on this fast-growing continent's shoppers and workers rather than just the usual upswing in commodity prices that have driven past cycles of boom and bust.

The African Development Bank projected in its latest annual report in May that foreign investment in Africa would reach a record \$80 billion this year, with a larger share of the money going to manufacturing and not just the strip-mining of resources.

"The development is real, and on the back of that, there's a lot of commercial opportunity that's emerging," said Simon Freeman, senior political economist at Standard Bank here. At times messy and difficult to quantify, Africa's economies give pessimists and optimists plenty of statistical ammunition to support their narratives of the future. Growth is uneven. Inequality is rising in many corners. Millions of people still live in extreme poverty. With violence simmering in the Central African Republic, South Sudan and elsewhere, it's easy to fall back on the old pessimistic plotline for sub-Saharan Africa. The middle class has expanded rapidly across the continent, but the population has grown so quickly that the absolute number of impoverished Africans has gone up at the same time. Sushi restaurants in Dakar, Senegal, and fancy coffee shops in Kigali, Rwanda, do not improve the lives of subsistence farmers in the hinterland.

Yet a sign of confidence is the success with which Af-

rican countries have been able to tap international capital markets of late. In spite of recent terrorist attacks, Kenya sold \$2 billion worth of bonds to international investors last month, which will be used in part to pay for infrastructure projects; two months earlier, it was Zambia with a \$1 billion offer.

Exports from sub-Saharan Africa leapt from \$68 billion to more than \$400 billion from 1995 to 2012. A total

sumers spent their money on the far edges of the economy, buying necessities like soap, salt and milk at informal convenience stores called spaza shops. During the hard years of apartheid, Itumeleng Motibeli's grandparents ran one such shop in a township, the peri-urban communities to which blacks had been exiled under the racist system.

Now Motibeli manages 14 shopping centers spread

shopping centers."

Businesses alert to the opportunities are setting up shop in Africa.

In April, Marriott closed a deal to buy the 116-hotel Protea Hospitality Group, based in South Africa. Clothing companies like Forever 21 and Sweden's H&M plan to open their first shops here as well. Wal-Mart's South African arm, Massmart, has stores in a dozen African countries, including Uganda and Mo-

portunities quite as starkly as Nigeria. Even as the country is projected to grow at a swift 7.3 percent clip this year and next, the kidnapping and murdering by Boko Haram militants, who operate with impunity in Nigeria's northeast, transfix the world.

Adewale Opawale, executive director at Strategic Research and Management (STREAM) Insight, a market and social research company in Lagos, said he had



Customers talk to a sales person, second from left, at a furniture and appliance store in the Daveyton Mall in Daveyton, South Africa, in July, 2014. As the middle class rapidly expands across the continent, consumer demand is fueling Africa's economies in new ways.

(Joao Silva/The New York Times)

of \$300 billion of that came from natural resources, the extraction of oil, natural gas, precious metals and diamonds. Angola pumps 1.8 million barrels of oil a day which is why its capital, Luanda, hosts fancy designer boutiques.

But some of the most rapid growth is now coming from other sectors. In South Africa, for example, the broader economy has been sluggish, but the black middle class now spends more money than the white middle class.

For decades, this country's long-neglected black con-

sumers spent their money across four provinces of South Africa for the Vukile Property Fund. The company targets the long-shunned township market for its high volume, turnover and foot traffic. Instead of the one-story brick stand adjacent to his grandparents' house, these are enormous Western-style shopping malls that are doing brisk business.

"In the old days, you had cathedrals in the middle of towns," Motibeli, 30, said as he drove a gold Toyota Corolla company car into the parking lot of the Daveyton mall. "Now you have

zambique, and plans to expand into Angola next year.

Last year, Honda opened its third motorcycle subsidiary in Africa, based in Kenya, including a new assembly plant. Heineken plans to invest nearly \$700 million a year in Africa to keep up with the demand of the continent's beer drinkers. The Chinese shoemaker Huajian is spearheading the construction of a \$2 billion special economic zone in Ethiopia that will focus on light manufacturing.

Perhaps no country illustrates the pitfalls and op-

witnessed drastic change not just in the number of cars on the streets and airplanes taking off from the international airport there, but in the way that people do business.

Consumers are moving from running around with cash for purchases to using their Internet-enabled cell-phones (many with more than one phone) to place orders from online retail chains that have started to cash in on the country's rising middle class.

"It's loads of opportunity in the Nigerian consumer market," he said. □